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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Rodney Aaron Blackman charging that Blackman committed five counts of bank robbery and armed bank robbery of the Sovereign Bank, 1500 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA between November 1, 2006 and December 18, 2007. The indictment additionally charges Blackman with the attempted armed robbery of the Commerce Bank, 1500 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA on February 12, 2008.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Rodney Aaron Blackman	Philadelphia, PA	41 years old

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 135 years imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, a \$1,500,000 fine and a \$600 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony J. Wzorek.

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